

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: Original
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 50
AUTHOR: L. Correa
RELATED BILLS: AB 41 (Hill)

BILL SUMMARY: Conflicts of Interest: Disqualification

This bill would add members of the High-Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) to the specified list of public officials who are subject to full disclosure and disqualification procedures under the Political Reform Act (Act).

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Secretary of State's Office notes this bill would not have any fiscal impact to its department. The Fair Political Practices Commission (Commission) indicates that any costs resulting from the implementation of this bill would be minor and absorbable within existing resources.

Any local government costs resulting from the mandate in this measure would not be state-reimbursable because this bill would only change the definition of a crime.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill.

An identical bill, AB 41 (Hill) of the current session, has been approved by the Assembly and is pending in the Senate. Finance is also neutral on AB 41.

Existing law:

- Provides that HSRA members are subject to the Act. HSRA members currently file Statements of Economic Interests (SEI) with limited disclosure requirements pursuant to the HSRA's conflict-of-interest code.
- Establishes the Commission and makes it responsible for the impartial, effective administration and implementation of the Act.
- Provides that violations of the Act are subject to administrative, civil, and criminal penalties.

This bill would require HSRA members (who have a financial interest in a governmental decision before the HSRA) to publicly identify the financial interest giving rise to the conflict of interest and disqualify themselves from discussing or voting on the matter, as provided. This bill also would expand the disclosure requirements that HSRA members must report on the SEI.

The Act, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the Act to further the Act's purposes upon a 2/3 vote in each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements. This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes in the Act.

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Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	Code
0890/Secty State	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----			0001
8620/FPPC	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----			0001